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PAVEMENT REPAIRS FOR THE NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY BETWEEN TUPELO AND JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

The unusually dry weather this summer has resulted in an uneven road surface at various locations along the Natchez Trace Parkway. This is especially evident for the roadway between Tupelo and Jackson - roughly one hundred and sixty miles - where repairs are urgently needed.

The National Park Service has contracted with Bonds Company, Inc. of Burnsville, Mississippi, for milling and leveling work of the All-American road from north of Mathiston, Mississippi (Parkway milepost 216), to Tupelo, Mississippi (Parkway milepost 266). This repair project is scheduled to begin Monday, September 25, 2006, and is expected to be completed by the end of October.

In addition, Dickerson & Bowen of Brookhaven, Mississippi, will repair the Parkway's uneven surface between Ridgeland, Mississippi (Parkway milepost 100), and the Ross Barnett Reservoir overlook area (Parkway milepost 115). The National Park Service is finalizing the details for scheduling these repairs and work is expected to begin there soon.

Motorists should be prepared for delays while the repairs are being completed and should be especially aware of construction equipment and workers on the Parkway. Motorists will also encounter loose material and multiple areas of uneven pavement in the two areas under repair and should use additional care and caution in traveling these sections of the Parkway.

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